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In re application of: **Hild et al**Serial No.: **09/680,792**Filed: **October 6, 2000**For: **Method and Apparatus for  
Automated Transcoder Selection****36736**PATENT TRADEMARK OFFICE  
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In response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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**Remarks** start at **page 9** of this document.